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DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on August 10 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The office action dated July 11 2007 required three species election. The first species election was to a single biocompatible polymeric moiety and a single structural polymeric moiety. Applicant has successfully elected a single disclosed species from the first species election. However the Applicant has not elected a single disclosed species from the second or third species election.

The **Second Species Election**, on page 5 of the office action dated July 11 2007, Applicant is required to elect a single second polymeric moiety.

The **Third Species Election**, on page 7 of the office action dated July 11 2007, Applicant is required to elect a single biologically degradable polymer.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abigail Fisher whose telephone number is 571-270-3502. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9am-4pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel can be reached on 571-272-0718 or Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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